THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) There is no long term plan for running of High Speed trains. However, Indian Railways has already introduced a passenger train running at a speed of 150 km per hour on Delhi-Agra section. The Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan contemplates introduction of 150 kilometre per hour passenger trains on Delhi-Patna-Howrah section and Delhi-Chennai section. It is also proposed to introduce a 150 km per hour passenger train between Delhi and Lucknow.

Anti-Collision Device

2064. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have been able to successfully test anti-collision system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the result of this system;

(d) whether any further improvements are required in this system;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time likely to be taken to install anti-collision system in all the trains and more particularly Express trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Railway has carried out the Site Acceptance Test of Anti-collision Device (ACD) system deployed on Katihar-New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati during the period 31.07.2005 to 17.8.2005. During the tests, the system developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited was found to be having certain deficiencies as compared to the relevant specifications.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. has been advised to further improve the ACD system design to eliminate the problems like generation of false messages, unnecessary brake applications and speed restrictions.

(f) After elimination of deficiencies observed a Northeast Frontier

Railway (N.F.R.) and successful completion of the project on N.F.R., it is proposed to provide the ACD system over the Broad Gauge network of Indian Railways by 2013-14.

Construction of New Railway Terminals

†2065. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the approvals granted by his Ministry for construction of new railway terminals in Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa during the last five years;

(b) the number and names of such terminals for which construction work has actually commenced;

(c) the reasons for not commencing construction work for remaining terminals; and

(d) the details of approval granted for construction of railway terminal at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh, commencement of its construction work and year-wise expenditure on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Threat of Stations in Bihar by Maoist

†2066. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoists have threatened to blow up railway stations in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the threat it has been stated to hand over the safety related work of railways to Railway Police in place of R.P.F.;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to make RPF corruption free?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.